La Peña Cultural Center
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Cafe de La Peña. Open for dinner, Wed. through Sun. one evenings with programs starting at 5:30pm

La Peña Cultural Center

Administrative Office Hours
Tue. - Fri. 10 - 5 pm
510.849.2568
(press ext. 2 for program info.)
info@lapena.org
www.lapena.org

Café de La Peña

Wed. – Sun. 5:30 pm
510. 849.4846
(for cafe business only)

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FOR ADVANCE TICKETS ONLY
Wed. - Sat. 1 - 6 pm
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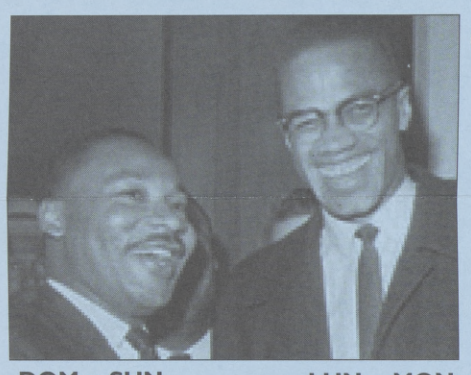
Cultural Center & Cafe Calendar • February 2001



Celebrating Black History Month

Amma • Feb. 1 & 2
The Last Poets • Feb. 16
Street Sounds • Feb. 10
Black Radical Congress • Feb. 22
Ban Rarra • Feb. 25

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1 — **Two Nights** — **2**

LA PEÑA PRESENTS AMMA'S
IN SEARCH OF MY CLITORIS

An hilarious one-woman show performed by Liberian artist and comedienne Sia Amma. She weaves African and American cultures through her story to empower and educate critical consciousness. While female circumcision is no laughing matter in itself, Sia Amma has courageously and hilariously devised a comedy-drama act that combines dance, music and education.

8pm $10 adv. $12 door

3 — Children's Program with Juanita Ulloa-Newland 10:30am

Study Group presents
Soul Flower: The Show
featuring underground hip hop from the Bay to LA. Poetry by: Bamuthi and Anthony Flowers, Vocals: Omega and special guests Music by The Field Negro DJs Pam the Funkstress Tymani, EBO, and M & M.

9pm $7 before 10pm
$10 after

4 — In the Cafe
Domingo de Rumba
4:30pm - Free

BAILE/DANCE

Musica sin Fronteras

Salsa y Música Caribeña with DJs Chata Gutierrez & Rosa Oviedo
5pm $6

SATURDAY MORNING CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

10:30am $4 adults • $3 children

Feb. 3: Juanita Newland-Ulloa performing music from her nationally acclaimed audio & song book series for kids, Canta Conmigo. Featured will be songs from her latest cd Mariposa that features songs from Mexico and Latin America. Guest artist, Ginny Morgan on viola and vocals.

Feb. 10: Charlie Chin Storyteller and author of children books brings entertaining and enlightening stories through his Jataka Puppet Theater which uses Asian and European puppet traditions to bring timeless and entertaining stories to life.

Feb. 17: Gary Lapow East Bay's premier kid's musician returns to La Peña with his catchy melodies that get everybody drawn into participation.

7 — **CAFE POETRY**
hosted by Youth Speaks
7:30pm $2

POETRY
Jordan Winer's senior poetry class from Berkeley High School will be reading from and clebrating ther book, "Contents Under Pressure". Sutdens will read/perform their original works.
7:30pm Free

8 — **TWO NIGHTS** — **9** — **POETRY SLAM**

TEEN POETRY SLAM!
2 nights, Thursday Feb. 8 and Friday Feb. 9
Youth Speaks 4th Annual
Bay Area Teen Poetry Slam
East Bay Semi-Finals
For more info: call (415) 661-6927
7pm $2 teens $6 adults

10 — Children's Program with Charlie Chin 10:30am

STREET SOUNDS

Blending blues, African chants, jazz and freedom songs, this acapella group returns to La Peña to celebrate the rhythm and history of Africa.

8pm $10 adv. $12

11 — **VIDEO**

LaborFest Us Premiere Screening & Discussion
Abel Paz Durruti & the Spanish Revolution

Documentary film made in 1998 about the Confederación Nacional del Trabajo during the Spanish Civil War and one of its key leaders Isabel Paz Durruti. With English narration and discussion to follow
7:30pm $7*
(For info 415-642-8066)

14 — **POETRY**

2001: LOVE ODYSSEY

A musical/poetic Valentine's celebration of self-love and love of spirit with Aya de León. Special guests: Bamuthi, Paul Flores, Nancy Johnson, Kimiko Joy, Clare Lewis , devorah major, Nazerah, & Rene Van. Door prizes! Dancing!

7pm $5-10 sliding scale

15 — **FORUM / WORKSHOP**

Education for Social Justice

A Teacher's Guide to Activism with Young Children: A workshop presented and led by Nancy Schimmel and Bonnie Lockhart. Also: Using music in an anti-bias curriculum.

7:30pm $3

16 — **SPOKEN WORD, HIP-HOP, SOUL**

THE LAST POETS

During the turbulent Civil Rights Movement of the late Sixties, one of the most radical and controversial voices of the time was The Last Poets. After three decades of writing, performing, publishing and recording their Afro-Centric, politically charged poetry, they are now regarded as perhaps the originators of "rap music". With special guests Los Delicados
8pm $12 adv. $14 door

17 — La Peña Children's Show with Gary Lapow 10:30 AM

Direct from Chile!
Popular songwriter and storyteller
Tito Fernandez in Concert
Reconocido y fecundo escritor, compositor y cantante El Temucano regresa a La Peña para luego participar como jurado en el Festival de La Canción 2001 de Viña del Mar, Chile.
8pm $14 adv. $16 door

18 — **FILM/VIDEO**

6th Annual Bike Film Festival

Catch the cutting edge bicycle films and videos, plus velorutionary slide show, music, food, art, and auction. Free Valet bike parking. Discounts for BFBC members. More info: 510-549-Ride
3pm-8pm $10-$25* sliding scale.

21 — **CAFE POETRY**
Hosted by Paul Flores. Open mic to follow. **8pm $5**

VIDEO
Seven Songs for Malcolm X (52 min/color/93. Dir. John Akomfrah) Film homage to the New Afrikan leader on the 35th anniversary of his assassination. Featuring Betty Shabazz, Yuri Kochiyama, Hurbert X, Spike Lee and others. Prod. by the Black Audio Film Collective. Spon. by Jericho Amnesty Movement. Info: 510-433-0115. Discussion follows.
7:30pm $5* (No one turned away)

22 — **FORUM**

Black Labor Confronts the Police State

The case of Ithe South Caolina Dockworkers. A forum sponsored by the Black Radical Congress.

6:30pm $5-$10* sliding scale.
No one turned away for lack of funds.

23 — **CONCERT**

Jennifer Berezan
A rare local solo concert featuring new songs from her upcoming album "Sweet World". Her intense and personal approach to music as a transforming experience has brought her strong rapport with audiences from small clubs to large festivals throughout North America and Europe.
8pm $13 in adv. $15 door
$2 off for La Peña members

24 — **Hip Hop Spoken Word**

Collective Soul 4 copresented by Blu Magazine

Featuring: Company of Prophets, Daria Nile, Aya de Leon, Deuce Eclipse, Zion I, & DJ Sake 1.

8pm $10

25 — **Direct From Cuba!**

Ban Rarra

Direct from Guantanamo, Cuba, Ban Rarra performs energetic, Cuban-Haitian and traditional popular and folkloric dances from eastern Cuba accompanied by drumming and singing. They will perform son, chanqui, gaga, conga santiagüera and other styles.
8pm $15 door
$13 advance & for members

BAN RARRA'S WORKSHOPS IN CUBAN HAITIAN PERCUSSION ARE SUNDAYS MARCH 3 AND MARCH 10 • 1 - 3 PM

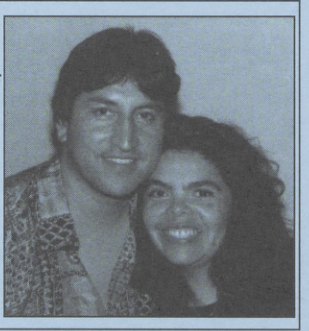
28 — **CAFE POETRY**
Hosted by Richard Moore with guest Reginald Lockett. An open mic to follow. **7:30pm $2**

The Berkeley Arts Festival & Arnie Passman's House of Cards presents
CONVERSATIONS IN COMMEDIA
This month features **Ron Davis** founder of SF Mime Troupe & **Wavy Gravy**, Hog Farm, Nobody for Presidnet, Seva, Camp Winnarainbow
8pm $8 $2 off for members

Cafe de La Peña Welcomes Pablo and Myriam Valenzuela

Cafe de La Peña will now operate under the management of Pablo and Myriam Valenzuela. Natives of Valparaiso, Chile, Pablo and Myriam are dedicated to providing excellent Chilean dishes and will also have Chilean products available for sale. ¡Benvenidos Pablo y Myriam!

Cafe Photo Exhibit: Chiapas at Work through Feb. 28.
Free Fri. Evening Latin American music jam sessions: 8:30pm



From New York La Peña Presents

The Last Poets

Fri, Feb. 16 • 8pm

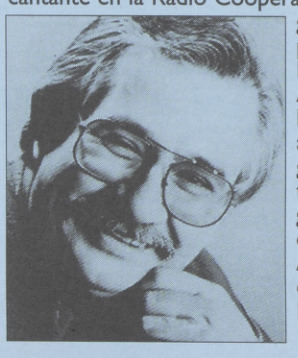
Hailed for the fiery intensity of their politics and their poetry from the moment they emerged in the late Sixties, the Last Poets spit forth a series of brilliant albums in the Seventies, split up and nearly guttered out in the Eighties, and re-emerged in the Nineties into the embrace of two generations of fans. Their contemporaries are delighted and inspired to note the perseverance of the Last Poets 25 years after they first burst onto the scene. The children of their contemporaries are among those comprising the new generation of word-intoxicated rappers and their fans, a generation that is beginning to suspect that the Poets' fire and intelligence are more necessary than ever.

La Peña Presents from Chile Popular songwriter and storyteller

Tito Fernandez in Concert

Sat, Feb. 17 • 8pm

Nacido en Temuco Tito Fernandez, escritor,cantante, cómico y compositor, comienza a escribir sus primeros cuentos a la edad de cinco años. En 1960 inicia su carrera artística como cantante en la Radio Cooperativa de Temuco. Su primera grabación la realiza en 1970 para el sello "La Peña de Los Parra" invitado por el folklorista Angel Parra, con el cual trabaja hasta 1973. La producción artística de Tito incluye 52 grabaciones, presentaciones en televisión y radio y numerosas giras internacionales. La organización de artistas chilenos ARCHI le otorgó el premio como el "Artista Folclórico mas Destacado de 1994".

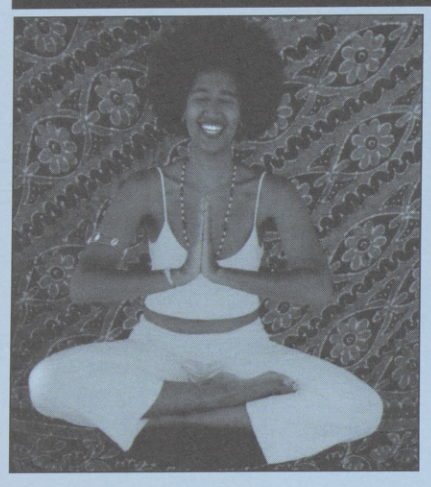


Wed. Feb. 14 • 7:30pm
at King Middle School
Valentine Evening with Billie Holiday, Faye Carol Sings Lady Day

This unique evening for lovers and loners, features the Bay Area's premier jazz and blues vocalist presenting a loving musical tribute to Billie Holiday, probably the greatest jazz vocalist in history. A community benefit for KPFA Radio and La Peña's recently created Endowment Fund. King Middle School, 1781 Rose St. in Berkeley. Free parking & wheelchair accessible. Tickets $15 at La Peña and independent bookstores including Black Oak, Cody, Diesel, and Marcus Books. (510) 849-2568 ext. 20

FEBRUARY HIGHLIGHTS

2001: Love Odyssey



Valentines Day • Feb. 14 • 7pm

A musical and poetic celebration hosted by Aya de León with many special guests: Bamuthi, Paul Fores, Nancy Johnson, Kimiko Joy, Clare Lewis, devorah major, Nezerah, Marcos Tapia, and Rene Van.

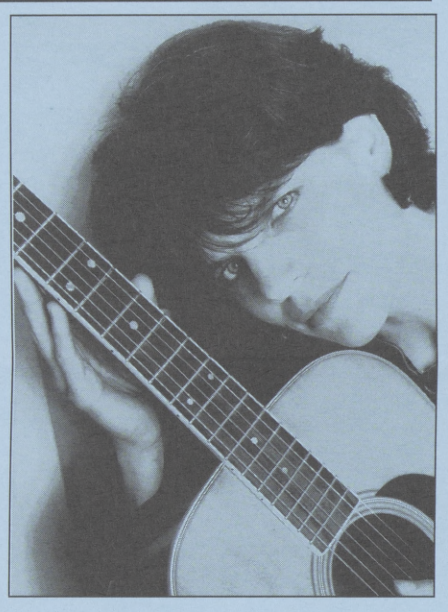
Street Sounds

Sat. Feb. 10 • 8pm

Street Sounds brings the rich acapella tradition of freedom songs to La Peña's stage for Black History Month.

Jennifer Berezan

Fri. • Feb. 23 • 8pm



With a striking mix of folk, country, and rock elements Jennifer creates innovative vehicles for her thoughtful observations of life, love, politics and injustice. Jennifer's musical vision with its vivid nature metaphors and its seamless blend of personal, political and spiritual themes, can be traced back to her childhood growing up on the Alberta Prairies, and has developed over the course of a career spanning five albums. *"She is one of the best musicians on the contemporary scene, not only an expressive singer but an impressive guitarist. Her writing is equally as good, composing some of today's finest folk/rock/country songs". – East Bay Express*

Conversations in Commedia

Photo: Lisa Law

Wed. • Feb. 28 8pm

Ron Davis led the San Francisco Mime Troupe through its famous formative years, the 60s they made their own. Davis teaches acting at UC Berkeley.

Wavy Gravy is the icon hippie clown. He is famed for the Hog Farm, Nobody for President, Seva Foundation and Camp Winnarainbow.

Each month this year, a brace of comic players/radical theater elders from the San Francisco Mime Troupe and their spawn-dell - Arte Players, Vaudeville Nouveau, Make-A-Circus, Pickle Family Circus, et al–will join a moderator to tell us of their lives as theater workers, entertainers, and educators. This series is sponsored by the Berkeley Arts Festival and Ernie Passman's House of cards in collaboration with La Peña Cultural Center.

LA PEÑA WISH LIST

Upgrading to a new computer? We need your Power Macs and G3 and laser printers, CD player. Iomega Zip Drives, Zip disks, Network hubs. **Donations are tax deductible**.

GENERAL TICKET INFORMATION

Advance tickets, WHEN AVAILABLE, may be purchased during La Peña's box office hours from 1-6pm, Wed.-Sat. We also accept charges by phone (849-2568) and online at **www.lapena.org**. You may also send a check to La Peña at least one and a half weeks before the show and the tickets will be held for you at the ticket booth. Fax orders (up to 72 hour prior to show date) for tickets at (510) 849-9397. Please include your day-time phone and credit card number.

MAKE A TAX DEDUCTIBLE GIFT TO LA PEÑA!

$50 buys a new chair
$100 a new microphone
$700 a laser printer
$700 pays for one month of printing the La Peña calendar
$600 pays one month of postage for the calendar
$2,000 buys us a new carpet
$50,000 helps upgrade our bathrooms

SIGN UP FOR E-SCRIP AND HELP LA PEÑA WHILE YOU SHOP!

E-Scrip, an electronic corporate giving program that lets a percentage of you shopping dollars (at selected merchants like Andronico's Whole Foods, etc. go to benefit La Peña Cultural Center. This program is very beneficial to La Peña and is a relatively painless way of supporting all the wonderful non-profit cultural and educational programs provided by La Peña.

For E-Scrip sign up forms: pick them up at programs or call Sylvia at 849-2568 ext. 16 for more information.

Volunteer Your Time and Skills: Call Paul Flores, Volunteer Coordinator at (510) 849-2568 ext. 11

Become a La Peña Member

Yes, I want to join at the following Song of Unity Membership level: Enclosed is my tax-deductible donation.

❑ PADRINO/MADRINA $500 – All of the benefits listed below, plus a free annual pass to all La Peña events, and a listing in our newsletter's Honors Sections as a La Peña Patron.

❑ VICTOR JARA $250 – All of the benefits listed below, plus a La Peña T-Shirt, and a listing in our newsletters' Honors Section as a La Peña Benefactor.

❑ PAUL ROBESON $100 – All of the benefits listed below, plus discounted admission to La Peña events.

❑ MALVINA REYNOLDS $50 –All of the benefits listed below, plus $10 coupon for food at Cafe de La Peña.

❑ COMPAÑERO/A $35 – Information membership. You get our calendar, newsletter, and mailings about our special events and celebrations–gallery openings, special performances, events sponsored elsewhere.

❑ ACTIVISTA. $20 – Student/low or fixed income membership – same benefits as Compañero/ Information Membership

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WINTER CLASS SCHEDULE:

Free classes are supported by the California Arts Council Artists in Residence program. Other classes are supported by participant fees. Enrollment is limited, and instructor permission is required. For more information about these classes, call Sylvia Sherman at 510/849-2568 extension 16 (Mon.-Fri. 12-5pm). (**TS** = Theater Space, **CR** = Community Room behind La Tienda, **CA** = Cafe Area). **CRII** = (Classroom behind community room)

PERCUSSION:

Afro-Cuban Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm TS) Students will learn folkloric and popular Afro-Cuban rhythms. Instructor: Jesus Díaz, leader of Jesus Díaz y su QBA. $15 per class, or $48 for four classes.

NEW CLASS - Beginning/Intermediate Trap Set (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, CRII) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will cover theory and technique and many styles of music including jazz, Latin and funk. Drumset provided. Bring sticks and manuscript paper.

Beginning Afro-Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 6 - 7:30pm, CR) Students must bring their own drums. Congas are welcome. Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Intermediate Venezuelan Percussion (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

NEW CLASS - Afro-Cuban Songs and Chekere (Wednesday 6 - 7:30pm, CRII) Instructor: Carlos Aldama, a founder of Conjunto Folklorico Nacional de Cuba. Class will cover Yoruba and Arara songs. $10 per class or $32 for 4 classes. Call to confirm participation in this class (849-2568 x16).

Eastern Caribbean & Afro-Francophone Rhythms (Sunday 12 - 2pm, CR) This class will cover Calypso, Gwaka, Belaire, Quadrille etc. Bring congas, bells & sticks. Instructor: Ras Mo. Free. For more info call 510-840-1574. No Classes Feb. 18 - March 1.

DANCE

NEW CLASS - Salsa Dance (Tuesday - 6:00 - 7:30pm TS) Students will learn danzon, son, cha cha cha, hip hop, merengue, rumba and more. For children and adults ages 7 on. Children must have consent of parent. Instructor: Fito Reinoso & Genesie Reinoso (hip hop) $5 Children, $10 Adults.

NEW CLASS - Cuban Popular Dance (Saturday - 2:30 - 4:00pm, TS) Students will learn salsa, casino, rueda, cha cha cha, mambo, pilon, mozambique. Instructor: Jose "Cheo" Rojas . $10 or $32 for 4 classes

STRINGED INSTRUMENTS:

Mandolin (Tuesday 6:00 - 7:00pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free Class Closed

Beginning Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 7 - 8pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Intermediate Venezuelan Cuatro (Tuesday 8 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Jackeline Rago. Free. **Class Closed**

Beginning Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 6 - 7:30 pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Free

Intermediate Latin American Guitar (Wednesday 7:30 - 9pm, CR) Instructor: Rafael Manríquez. Free

ENSEMBLES:

NEW CLASS - Latin American songwriting and ensemble (Monday 6 - 7:30 pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. This class will help people interested in composing and arranging songs in various Latin American music styles. The instructor will give feedback and help with students' compositions and the class as a whole will play them. Free

NEW CLASS - Latin American ensemble (Monday 7:30 - 9pm, Cafe) Instructor: Rafael Manriquez. Students will learn to play and sing Latin American songs from various different countries. Open to vocalists and instrumentalists. Free

NEW CLASS - Hip Hop/Funk Ensemble (Monday 7:45 - 10pm, TS) Instructor: Josh Jones. Class will learn live break beats - free style and improvisation - as well as working on programming beats. Open to all instrumentalists and vocalists. Free

La Peña Community Chorus (Tuesday 7:45 -10pm, TS) Director: Lichi Fuentes. Monthly Membership Dues Required. For chorus info call Nancy Gendel at 510-845-5161. At present there are openings for tenors and bases only.

NEW CLASS - Latin Jazz Ensemble (Tuesday 8 - 10 pm in Cafe) Instructor: Josh Jones. Students will learn to play Latin Jazz in an ensemble format. Class will focus on concepts of clave and basic percussion rhythms as they can be applied to all instruments. Free.

SPECIAL ONE TIME ONLY WORKSHOPS

Afro-Brazilian Percussion Workshop• Sat. Feb. 3 • 12 noon -2pm Taugth by Nicinha Raizes de Santo Amaro, the long established folkloric troupe from Bahia, Brazil. They hold a deep authentic understanding of traditonal Bahian rhythms including Orixas, samba, and maculee. One day Only. **Bring instruments Sat. Feb. 3 from 12noon-2pm. $12.** For information and registration call (510) 528-1958.

Afro-Peruvian Master Dance & Percussion Workshop. Taught by Lao Izquierdo founder of, Peru Negro. Lalo will be teaching a variety of rhythms in ***el cajo*** (Afro-Peruivan drum) and Festejo the most popular and representative dance from the Afro-Peruvian Culture. 12-1pm Dance class, $15. 1-2pm Drumming, $15. Call (510) 865-1524 for information. Sat. Feb. 10& 17.

Peruvian Guitar Lessons. Taught by Coco Linares, one of the top Peruvian creole guitar arrranger and performer. Coco will be teaching a variety of patterns and melodies from the coastal region of Peru. Beginning 2-3pm, $15. Intermediate 3-4pm, $15. Call (510) 865-1524 for more information. Sat. Feb. 10 & 17.

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